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SUBJECT: QUOTA ALLOCATION, 1978 DAMASCUS FAIR: STATUS REPORT

RE: STATE 111638

1. PLEASE PASS TO PATRICK THEROS AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS:
3283 ARCADIA PLACE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20015,
TELE: 966-3118. SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON SIZE OF QUOTA
AND ON EXHIBITORS REQUIRING QUOTA NOW AVAILABLE. TABLE
BELOW PROVIDES TOTAL QUOTA AS GRANTED BY DAMASCUS FAIR
AUTHORITIES, MINUS VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS.

306,000 SL TOTAL QUOTA, 1978 FAIR
MINUS 48,000 TRANSFER TO 1977 QUOTA
MINUS 60,000 RECEPTION - HOSPITALITY ALLOCATION
MINUS 30,000 HAJ-WEISS ALLOCATION
168,000 SL QUOTA AVAILABLE FOR 1978 EXHIBITORS

2. SL 30,000 ACCORDING TO COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT IS PART
OF SL 60,000 ALLOCATIONS PROMISED MR. KAMEL HAJ-WEISS IN
RETURN FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE 1977 FAIR.
SL 60,000 IS MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FOR FOOD IMPORTERS
KALPAKJI, HAJ-WEISS, ANTAKI (COFFEE, HARD LIQUOR),
AND TCHAPRAZIAN (BEER) WHO ARE DONATING FOOD AND
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BEVERAGES FOR THE AMERICAN DAY RECEPTION AND FOR
HOSPITALITY DURING THE FAIR.

3. ON BASIS OF CURRENT INFORMATION, ONLY EXHIBITORS
WHO WILL REQUIRE QUOTA TO BRING IN GOODS
TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR WILL BE HADAYA (FOUR
15 SQ M BOOTHS WITH POSSIBILITY OF ONE MORE) AND

AYOUBI (ONE 12 OR 15 SQ M BOOTH). MR. RAYMOND KALPAKJI, VIA HIS SON, HAS REQUESTED BOOTH SPACE FOR EXHIBIT OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, MICROPHONES, AMPLIFIERS, ETC. HE HAS REQUESTED A QUOTA ALLOCATION EVEN THOUGH, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO RESTRICTIONS ON THESE GOODS EXIST. HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE WISHES TO USE QUOTA TO IMPORT REFRIGERATORS. HE HAS INTIMATED THAT HE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS HE WERE ASSURED A QUOTA. I HAVE ADVISED HIM THAT ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT HIS DEMAND IS PRECEDED BY THOSE WITH GOODS ACTUALLY BEING EXHIBITED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ON ABOVE, ESPECIALLY ON FOLLOWING: 1) ACCURACY OF COMMITMENT TO HAJ-WEISS OF \$130,000 FROM THIS YEAR'S QUOTA AND 2) FURTHER GUIDANCE RE KALPAKJI MATTER. PELLETREAU

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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